

Pennsylvania, R. W. Archbald (son of our first mayor;) Rt. Rev. E. A. Garyey, Bishop elect of Altoona; Congressman H. W. Palmer; Deputy Comptroler of the state of New York, Willis Merriman; and state Senator Michael Butler, of Illinois. In the list of those who have held prominent offices is the late William Goebel, governor of Kentucky, whose tragic end is of such recent date as to be fresh in every memory. Prior to his becoming governor he was state senator and recognized as one of the foremost politicians of the south. Goebel was assassinated in Frankfort, Kentucky, on January 30th, 1900. He was forty-five years of age and unmarried.

There is also ex-congressman C. C. Jadwin, the late Judge Alfred Darte, Jr., and others to be included in the list. Two Carbondale boys who arose to the head of great railroad and other corporations are Thomas Dickson and John B. Smith. Of Mr. Dickson it is said that in his youthful days he was a lowly mule driver in the mines of the Delaware & Hudson company in this city. He was born in 1824 at Berwickshire, Scotland; and passed away in the midst of his usefulness, aged nearly sixty years. He was for a time also engaged in mercantile pursuits here. Mr. Dickson went to Scranton in 1856 and established the Dickson Manufacturing Co. In 1867 he was made a vice-president of the D. & H. company and two years later was chosen to the Presidency, which he retained till his death.

Mr. Smith was for years general manager of the Pennsylvania Coal Company and President of the Erie and Wyoming Valley rail road company. His splendid ability is shown in the remarkable prosperity of the former company for the 1st half century. He was born near Wurtsboro in 1815, learned the machinist trade in this city and New York and erected the engines on the Pennsylvania Coal company's Gravity road. One year later he was made superin-

tendent. As a manager of men and large business enterprises he had few equals in the country. He invented the three cylinder locomotive. He was a member in good standing of Olive Leaf Lodge I. O. O. F. of this city, although not being able to attend a meeting in forty-five years. He died in Dunmore January 16, 1895.

#### AN EARLY INDUSTRY.

The first manufacturing industry of Carbondale was the steam foundry of Eggleston and Reed, which stood on Foundry street now Lincoln avenue. It was a diminutive establishment, in a building where John Mohrs' grocery store now is. The bellows was operated in the same principle as the old fashioned hand bellows and such was the anxiety for business that when there was a runaway on one of the gravity planes the first question there was "Any wheels broke?" There were only two men employed in the foundry and not enough work for them all the time. Later when C. T. Piereson became the proprietor he moved the establishment to the opposite corner and erected the large foundry building shown on another page.

#### A CURFEW BELL.

The first bell brought to Carbondale was that purchased by the Presbyterian congregation. It was hung in a small wooden tower at the rear of their modest little church. The bell was put into use for all public functions. It rang out at the beginning of each work day and called the laborers home at noon and evening. It awoke the citizens at time of fire, beside reminding them of their religious duties and privileges. One of the peculiar customs that existed for a while, was the tolling on this bell, of the exact number of years of the life of any departed citizen of prominence. It has also been recalled that the bell was wont to ring at nine o'clock each evening; much with the same intent and purpose of the Curfew law, now being adopted in some cities.

JAMES CLARKSON,  
Chairman of First Common Council.

#### OUR PUBLIC GROUNDS.

Memorial Park and the grounds around the city building, which attract admiring attention from all,



WILLIAM GOEBEL.



THOMAS DICKSON.

